



CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL
MAY 8, 2023

SUBJECT: Approve the completion and submission of the Oakland County 2023 Interim Local Transportation Reimbursement Program application to seek funding through the Program for a total project cost not to exceed \$172,550 and authorize the City Manager to sign all program-related documents on behalf of City of Novi.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Finance and Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Citizens in Oakland County passed the Public Transportation Millage on November 8, 2022. Since that time, Oakland County Administration and Board of Commissioners have put contracts in place with the local transportation providers identified in the ballot language, which include: Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART), North Oakland Transportation Authority (NOTA), Western Oakland Transportation Authority (WOTA), and the Rochester Hills-Oakland-Rochester Older Persons' Commission (OPC).

In addition, meetings have been held with officials from local cities, villages and townships to discuss the current transportation services offered to residents. The County recognizes that not all communities are presently served by SMART, NOTA, WOTA, or OPC.

As a result, the County Board of Commissioners has established a program to provide these communities with reimbursement funds to support existing public transportation services. The Oakland County 2023 Interim Local Transportation Reimbursement Program will distribute limited Public Transportation Millage funds to assist eligible municipalities to maintain existing public transportation services for calendar year 2023. This program will not fund an expansion in the type or level of service beyond what had been provided in 2022, or what had already been planned for in 2023, prior to the establishment of this program.

The County has allocated \$500,000 to distribute and 20 eligible municipalities. Eligible expenses must be directly related to transportation services in the current municipal budget.

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